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SUBJ: RELEASE OF JULY 1971 COUP PRISONERS

- 1. EMBASSY HAS REPORT FROM USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE THAT GOS HAS RELEASED ALL PERSONS CONNECTED WITH ABORTIVE JULY 1971 COUP, INCLUDING MUSTAPHA KHOJALI, FORMER SENIOR LECTURER IN KHARTOUM UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF MEDICINE, WHO REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN SLATED TO BE PRIME MINISTER. PRISONERS HAD BEEN SERVING TERMS OF VARYING LENGTH FOR COMPLICITY IN COUP ATTEMPT. ACTUAL PERPETRATORS WER SUMMARILY EXECUTED.
- 2. COMMENT: WE DOUBT THAT THIS SIGNIFIES ANY BASIC CHANGE IN GOS POSTURE VIS-A-VIS COMMUNISTS, THOUGH IT COULD REPRESENT EFFORT BY GOS TO EFFECT MODEST IMPROVEMENT IN BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH USSR, AS WELL AS TO STRIKE A POSE OF INCREASING LIBERALISM TOWARD OPPOSITION VIEWS. WE ALSO NOTE THAT LOCAL PRESS PROMINENTLY CARRIED SOVIET FEATURES AT TIME OF ANNIVERSARY OF OCTOBER REVOLUTION AND THAT SUDANESE SOCIALIST UNION HOLDING CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF SAME EVENT. **BREWER**

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